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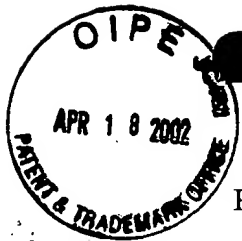
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**RESPONSE**

Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed on February 19, 2002.

The applicant hereby provisionally elects the invention of claims 1-10 (Invention I) with traverse, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement between claims 1-10 and 11-17 (i.e. Inventions I and II).

The applicant also provisionally elects species of Group A, on which generic claim 1 and species claims 2-6, 8-10 read. The election of species is made without traverse.

**Remarks**

The Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims to two distinct inventions, namely: Invention I (apparatus claims 1-10 to a drinking container) and Invention II (method claims 11-17 relating to the drinking container of Invention I.)